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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BERMUDA FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The animals have resided in the United States for the last 60 days prior to embarkation or since birth.
2. The United States is free of African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, surra, epizootic lymphangitis and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis.
3. As far as can be determined, no case of equine piroplasmosis or ulcerative lymphangitis has occurred on the premises of origin or on adjoining premises during the 60 days preceding embarkation.
4. The animals do not originate from a premises nor were they exposed to horses under quarantine for contagious equine metritis (CEM) and they have not been in a country considered affected with CEM for the 12 months prior to embarkation.
5. The animals have not been vaccinated with any vaccine during the 14 days immediately preceding exportation.
6. The animals have been inspected on the premises of origin and found to be free from communicable diseases and external parasites. In so far as can be determined, there has been no exposure thereto during the last 60 days prior to embarkation.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following test conducted within the 60 days prior to embarkation.

Equine infectious anemia: agar-gel immunodiffusion (Coggin's) test.

VACCINATIONS

The animals have been vaccinated against Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis not less than 14 days but not more than 12 months prior to exportation (state dates and products used on health certificate).

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Each animal must have an individual health certificate and be properly described to permit easy and certain identification.
2. An import permit is necessary for entry of horses into Bermuda. Application for a permit should be filed with: Director, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, P.O. Box HM834, Hamilton 5, Bermuda, Telephone: 441-236-4201; Fax: 441-232-0046.
3. The endorsed health certificate or a facsimile should be forwarded with the request for an import permit. This must be done within 30 days of embarkation.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.